GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HOME DEPARTMENT - Ex-gratia to the legal heirs of the deceased victims of M/s Agri-Gold Farm Estates India Pvt. Ltd. – Sanction of compensation of Rs.5 lakhs for each Agri-Gold depositor / agent who committed suicide – Administrative sanction – Accorded - Orders – Issued.

HOME (GENERAL. A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 80 **Dated: 12-05-2017**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, C.No.1581/C-13/CID/2017, dated 26.04.2017.

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ORDER:

In the reference cited, the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada has stated that the Agri-Gold Group of Companies have collected deposits offering high rates of interest or with a promise to register a piece of land in lieu thereof. However, the Group of Companies have neither repaid the deposits to the depositors nor did they register any land in the depositors' names. Based on the complaints of aggrieved depositors, several cases have been registered at various Police Stations in Andhra Pradesh State. Later those cases have been transferred to Crime Investigation Department for further investigation. During the CID investigation, it is revealed that M/s. Agri-Gold Farm Estates India Pvt. Ltd., and other group of companies was started by Sri Avva Venkata Rama Rao and others in Vijayawada during the year 1995. The accused companies collected deposits amounting to Rs. 6380 crores from around 32 lakh depositor accounts from all over the country. The company also defaulted to a tune of Rs. 500 crores to various Banks. Further, the cheques issued by the companies worth around Rs. 700 crores were dishonoured by various banks.

2. The default by the Agri-Gold Group of companies created widespread distress and panic among lakhs of depositors who lost their life time savings, having deposited in the company. It is also reported that some of the aggrieved depositors/agents have committed suicide, since they have lost all hopes of recovering their hard earned money.

3. In the above circumstances, the Government during the recent Assembly Sessions announced an ex-gratia of Rs. 5 lakhs to legal heirs of each aggrieved person who committed suicide being a depositor in the group of companies or its agent because of agony caused by loss of his/ her hard-earned money or the mounting pressure from the depositors under his agent-ship in case of agents.

4. Accordingly, the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh has requested the Government for release of an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakhs only) towards ex-gratia to each aggrieved person who, unable to bear the consequences, has committed suicide. It was requested to release the amount without linking to insurance by any Insurance Company.

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In this regard, the legal heirs of deceased persons will have to prove that they have deposited money with the Agri-Gold Group of Companies by furnishing the following documents before the authority.

i) Copy of FIR
ii) Death Certificate
iii) Post-Mortem Certificate
iv) Proof showing relationship of the beneficiary with the deceased
v) Legal heir certificate.
vi) Date of Birth Certificate (if Beneficiary is minor)
vii) Affidavit filed by legal heir of deceased victim, explaining cause of death.

It is also stated by the Director General of Police, that the amount will be released by the concerned District Collector after the Scrutiny Committee headed by the District Superintendent of Police conducts an enquiry and furnishes a report in this regard.

5. In the circumstances reported by the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, Government after careful examination of the entire matter hereby accord administrative sanction for an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakhs only) towards ex-gratia to the legal heir of each Agri-Gold depositor/agent of Andhra Pradesh who committed suicide, based on the Scrutiny Committee report. The concerned District Collector shall disburse the amount under relevant Head of Account of Relief and shall seek funds from Government.

6. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter.

7. This order is available on internet and can be accessed at address www.goir.ap.gov.in.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General of Police,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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